



Thinking About Poems

AS HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

Looking at THE POEM

Look at the physical format and graphical elements. What do you see?

What is the overall message of the poem?

Highlight words or phrases that you find expressive. What about the language appeals to you?

Responding to THE POEM

What are your personal reactions to the poem?

What makes this a poem?

Thinking about HISTORY

Why do you think the poet wrote this poem? What clues do you find to suggest this?

For what audience was the poem written?

What does the poem tell you about what life was like during this period in history?

WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, AND HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT?